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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1324

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Sections 14307 and 14315 of, and to add Section 14309 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to the California Conservation Corps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1324, as amended, Negrete McLeod. California Conservation Corps.

Existing law establishes the California Conservation Corps in the Resources Agency as a service organization providing employment and training for young men and women.

~~This bill would state the Legislature's intent that the foremost mission of the corps is to instill values in participating youth.~~

Existing law provides that fire prevention, fire suppression, and disaster relief are to be a major emphasis of the corps.

This bill would provide that the corps may respond in emergency situations, under the direction of the governor, without a contract for reimbursement from state or local agencies.

Existing law requires state agencies to use the corps' services to the maximum extent feasible to carry out projects that promote the corps' mission.

This bill would require state agencies to notify the corps of any potential contracts for services that would fit within the ~~corps' mission~~ *parameters of the legislative intent set forth in a specified statute*. This

bill would further provide that the use of corps members ~~should take precedence~~ *shall be given strong consideration* over the use of other contracted labor.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. The mission of the California Conservation~~
2 ~~Corps shall be, foremost, to instill in California's youth a healthy~~
3 ~~work ethic, while building character, self-esteem, self-discipline,~~
4 ~~and a strong sense of civic responsibility. Conservation corps~~
5 ~~members should understand and appreciate the value of a day's~~
6 ~~work for a day's wages.~~

7 ~~SEC. 2.—~~

8 *SECTION 1.* Section 14307 of the Public Resources Code is
9 amended to read:

10 14307. Fire prevention, fire suppression, and disaster relief
11 shall be a major emphasis of the program. Certain corps centers
12 designated by the director as fire centers in locations specifically
13 needed to assure emergency capability and readiness for
14 firefighting and natural disaster relief shall be administered and
15 directed jointly by the director of the corps and the Director of
16 Forestry and Fire Protection. The director of the corps shall be
17 responsible for setting the policies under which these centers shall
18 be operated and shall be responsible for the recruitment,
19 orientation, job training, project planning, and educational and
20 other services generally provided in the corps at its base centers.
21 The Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, and his or her
22 designee, shall be responsible for the supervision of
23 corpsmembers engaged in public service conservation work and
24 for the training, supervision, and direction of corpsmembers
25 engaged in fire prevention, fire suppression, and other emergency
26 activities. Under direction by the Governor, the corps may respond
27 in an emergency situation without a contract for reimbursement
28 from any state or local agency.

29 SEC. 3. Section 14309 is added to the Public Resources Code,
30 to read:

31 14309. In order to provide the best and most cost-effective
32 training possible for corps members and other state employees,

1 state agencies shall seek to combine or share training programs that
2 provide related skills.

3 SEC. 4. Section 14315 of the Public Resources Code is
4 amended to read:

5 14315. (a) State agencies shall notify the corps of potential
6 contracts for services that fit within the ~~mission of the corps~~
7 *parameters of the legislative intent set forth in Section 14000* and
8 shall use the corps to the maximum extent feasible to carry out
9 projects that promote the ~~corps' mission~~ *legislative intent as set*
10 *forth in Section 14000*. Because of the corps' commitment to the
11 state's youth, *in the exercise of a state agency's discretion when*
12 *considering contracts for services, strong consideration shall be*
13 *given to the use of corps members* ~~should take precedence over the~~
14 ~~use of other~~ *over the use of other contracted labor*.

15 (b) The corps may contract with any state agency for the
16 performance of activities consistent with this division.

17 (c) Upon appropriation by the Legislature and execution of a
18 contract pursuant to subdivision (b), the Controller may transfer
19 money to the Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Fund
20 from other funds under the control of the contracting state agency,
21 including, but not limited to, the following funds and accounts:

- 22 (1) Hazardous Waste Control Account in the General Fund.
- 23 (2) State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund.
- 24 (3) Transportation Planning and Development Account in the
25 State Transportation Fund.
- 26 (4) California Environmental License Plate Fund.
- 27 (5) Fish and Game Preservation Fund.
- 28 (6) Public Resources Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco
29 Products Surtax Fund.
- 30 (7) Unallocated Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products
31 Surtax Fund.
- 32 (8) Habitat Conservation Fund.
- 33 (9) Motor Vehicle Fuel Account in the Transportation Tax Fund
34 pursuant to Section 8352.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code
35 (OMV Fund).
- 36 (10) Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund.
- 37 (11) Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated
38 Waste Management Fund.
- 39 (12) State Parks and Recreation Fund.

- 1 (13) Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup and Maintenance
- 2 Account in the General Fund.
- 3 (14) Employment Training Fund.
- 4 (15) Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund.
- 5 (16) California Beverage Container Recycling Fund.
- 6 (d) Expenditures from the Collins-Dugan California
- 7 Conservation Corps Fund of amounts transferred pursuant to
- 8 subdivision (c) shall be limited to purposes which are consistent
- 9 with the requirements of each fund or account contributing each
- 10 amount to the Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps
- 11 Fund.

